

of his command, Gen. McCook, in compliance with his orders, rode off to report in person to Gen. Buell, whose headquarters were about two and a half miles to the rear, close to Springfield. After receiving instructions to make a reconnaissance from his position to Chaplin River, he returned to his troops. He found that Gen. Rousseau had advanced his right some 800 yards, drawn the fire of the enemy's artillery from three different points, and was supplying with two batteries. No Rebel infantry being in sight, he ordered Rousseau's guns to cease firing, and then proceeded to the river to discover any enemy, with the exception of some cavalry on his left, which a few artillerists soon sent out of sight.

**PRICE TWO CENTS.**

This was about 2 p. m. Gen. McCook had no apprehensions of an attack. Nor had he received, as expected, any orders to make one upon the enemy. Gen. Buell had evidently abandoned the idea of engaging the Rebels in a general action that day. His intention to do so, officially announced the previous evening, was probably given up in consequence of the delay in the movements of Crittenden's corps, which did not appear on Gilbert's right until late in the afternoon. But, in postponing his general attack upon the enemy," Gen. Buell did not mean that his previous idea of venturing an attack upon him; he issued no orders, and was in duty bound to do, providing for the possibility of such a contingency.

which moved the enemy at once fell back under cover. Gen. Sheridan thought himself so seriously threatened that he sent a message to Gen. Mitchell, stating that he needed reinforcements. In response, Mitchell ordered Carlin's brigade to advance upon Sheridan's right. Sheridan then advanced his own forces to the aid of Carlin's, and the fierce contest caused it to retire. Carlin's brigade moved forward at the same time, and with commendable ardor charged upon the enemy; made them yield in confusion, and followed them very nearly two miles to the very town of Perryville, its advance capturing an ammunition train of fifteen wagons, two caissons, and 3 officers and 138 prisoners. Finding the enemy was occupying the town with two regiments of artillery and a battery of their own, Gen. Carlin fell back to a strong position on the west side of the town, where he kept up an artillery fight until dark.

Gen. Sheridan was no more seriously troubled after the mentioned brief affair between 2 and 3